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(57) [Abstract]

[Object] To provide an information detector capable of adjusting an angle over a wide range and preventing interference with an information processor.

[Constitution] A base part 32 of a camera 30 is attached to a sidewall 20d of a display unit 14 by an attachment mechanism 60. A first movable part 34 rotatable around a first rotation axis A orthogonal to the sidewall 20d is coupled to the base part. A second movable part 36 rotatable around a second rotation axis B parallel to the sidewall is coupled to the first movable part. The second movable part is provided with an image pickup part 4 picking up an image of a subject.

[What is claimed is:]

[Claim 1] An information detector characterized in that the information detector comprises:

a base part;

attachment means for attaching said base part to an information processor;

a first movable part rotatably attached to said base part around a first rotation axis orthogonal to a virtual reference plane contacting with an arbitrary outer surface of said information processor in a state in which said base part is attached to the information processor; and

a second movable part rotatably attached to said first movable part around a second rotation axis almost parallel to

said virtual reference plane and supporting information detecting means for detecting information having directivity, and that

said movable part is formed to have such a size that a distance between an outer surface farthest from said second rotation axis and said second rotation axis is smaller than a distance between said virtual reference plane and said second rotation axis.

[Claim 2] An information detector characterized by comprising:

a base part;

a first movable part rotatably attached to said base part around a first rotation axis;

a second movable part rotatably attached to said first movable part around a second rotation axis orthogonal to said first rotation axis and supporting information detecting means for detecting information having directivity; and

attachment means provided at said base part, for attaching said base part to an information processor so that said first rotation axis is orthogonal to an arbitrary outer surface of the information processor and that said second rotation axis extends almost parallel to said arbitrary outer surface.

[Claim 3] An information detector attachable to a portable electronic equipment having a flat, generally rectangular display unit, characterized in that the information detector comprises:

a base part;

attachment means for attaching said base part to said display unit;

a first movable part rotatably attached to said base part around a first rotation axis orthogonal to an arbitrary side surface of said display unit in a state in which said base part is attached to said display unit; and

a second movable part rotatably attached to said first movable part around a second rotation axis almost parallel to said arbitrary side surface and supporting information detecting means for detecting information having directivity, and that

said second movable part is formed to have such a size that a distance between an outer surface farthest from said second rotation axis and said second rotation axis is smaller than a distance between said arbitrary side surface and said second rotation axis.

[Claim 4] An information detector attachable to a portable electronic equipment having a flat, generally rectangular display unit, characterized by comprising:

a base part;

a first movable part rotatably attached to said base part around a first rotation axis;

a second movable part rotatably attached to said first movable part around a second rotation axis orthogonal to said first rotation axis and supporting information detecting means for detecting information having directivity; and

attachment means provided at said base part, for attaching said base part to said display unit so that said first rotation axis is orthogonal to an arbitrary side surface of said display unit and so that said second rotation axis extends almost parallel to said arbitrary side surface.

[Claim 5] An information detector characterized in that the information detector comprises:

information detecting means for detecting information having directivity;

adjusting means for adjusting a direction of said information detecting means with respect to a detection target; and

attachment means for attaching said information detecting means to an information processor,

said adjustment means comprises:

a base part coupled to said attachment means;

a first movable part coupled to said base part through a rotation mechanism having a first rotation axis; and

a second movable part coupled to said first movable part through a rotation mechanism having a second rotation axis and supporting said information detecting means,

said first rotation axis extends orthogonally to a virtual reference plane contacting with an arbitrary outer surface of said information processor and said second rotation axis extends almost parallel to said virtual reference plane in a state in which said base part is attached to the information processor by said attachment means, and in that

said second movable part is formed to have such a size that a distance between an outer surface farthest from said second rotation axis and said second rotation axis is smaller than a distance between said virtual reference plane and said second rotation axis.

[Claim 6] An information detector according to any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that said information detecting means comprises an image pickup part picking up an image of a subject and inputting the image to said information processor.

[Claim 7] An information detector according to any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that said attachment means comprises an attachment plate fixed to said base part and extending in a direction orthogonal to said first rotation axis, and an engagement part protruding from said attachment plate and engageable with said information processor.

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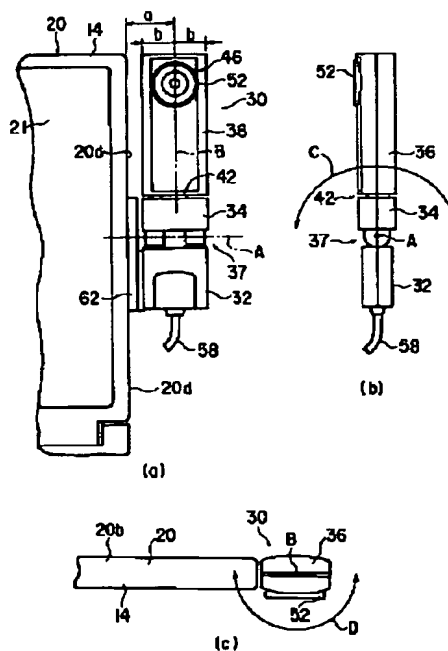
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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an information detecting device in which an angle can be adjusted over a wide range, and interference with an information processor can be prevented.

SOLUTION: A base part 32 of a camera 30 is attached to a side wall 20d of a display unit 14 by an attaching mechanism. A first rotatable part 34 constituted so as to be freely rotatable around a first rotary axial line A orthogonal to the side wall 20d is linked with the base part 32, and a second rotatable part 36 constituted so as to be freely rotatable around a second rotary axial line B in parallel to the side wall is linked with the first movable part 34. The second rotatable part 36 is provided with an image pickup part 46 which image picks-up the picture of a subject.

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(54) 【発明の名称】 情報検出装置

(57) 【要約】 【課題】 広い範囲に亘って角度調整が可能であるとともに、情報処理装置との干渉を防止可能な情報検出装置を提供することにある。 【解決手段】 カメラ30のベース部32は、取付け機構60によりディスプレイユニット14の側壁20dに取り付けられている。ベース部32には、側壁20dと直交する第1回転軸線Aの回りで自動自在な第1可動部34が連結され、第1可動部34には、側壁と平行な第2回転軸線Bの回りで自動自在な第2可動部36が連結されている。第2可動部36には、被写体の画像を撮像する撮像部46が設けられている。

(58) 【発明の効果】

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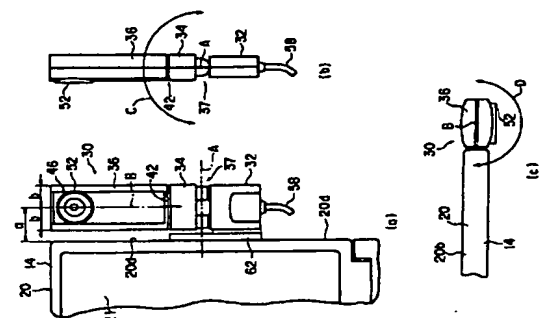
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(10) 【図1】 情報検出装置の正面図。図1は、情報検出装置10の正面図を示す。図1において、10は情報検出装置の全体を示す。20はベース部、14はディスプレイユニット、30はカメラ、32はレンズ、34は撮像素子、36はケーブル、22は操作パネル、24は電源ボタン、16は画面、18はスピーカを示す。カメラ30はディスプレイユニット14の側面に取り付けられており、ベース部20とケーブル36で接続されている。ベース部20は操作パネル22と電源ボタン24を備えている。ディスプレイユニット14は画面16とスピーカ18を備えている。

